

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is requested.

Claims 2-4, 6, 7, 10 and 14-16 remain in the application. Claims 1, 5 and 11-13 now have been canceled. Claim 2 has been amended to address rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

Claim 2 was rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. The Examiner asserted that the recitation of the vehicle body and door in the preamble and in the whereby clause raised uncertainties as to whether the vehicle body and the door were being claimed as part of the invention. Counsel disagrees with the Examiner's interpretation. However, the Examiner stated that claims 2-7 would be allowed if amended to overcome this perceived lack of clarity.

Independent claim 2 has been amended to remove all reference to the vehicle body and the door. It is believed that this amendment overcomes the rejection of claim 2 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Claims 3, 4, 6 and 7 depend from claim 2 and should be allowed as well.

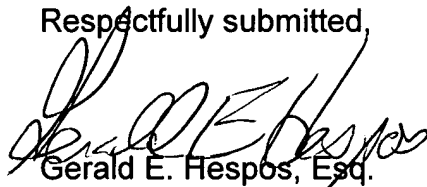
Claims 1 and 11-13 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a). These claims have been canceled.

The applicant's are pleased to note that claims 10 and 14-16 have been allowed.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, it is submitted that all of the claims remaining in the application are directed to patentable subject matter and allowance is solicited. The Examiner is urged to contact applicants' attorney at the

number below to expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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